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**Request
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Application Number	09/918,293
Filing Date	July 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	Elisabeth Smela
Art Unit	2834
Examiner Name	Dougherty, Thomas M.
Attorney Docket Number	S-80,400 (SFST.02USU1)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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- ii. ☐ Other _____
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- b. ☐ Other _____

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Applicants: Elisabeth Smela et al. : Docket No.: S-80,400(SFST.02USU1)
Serial No.: 09/918,293 : Examiner: T.M. Dougherty
Filed : July 30, 2001 : Art Unit: 2834
For : CONJUGATED POLYMER :
ACTUATOR RESPONSIVE TO :
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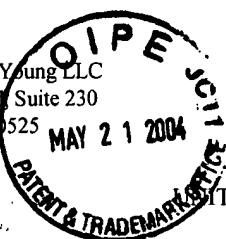
Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated April 2, 2004 and the Office Action dated January 22, 2004 in the above-identified patent application, kindly enter the following amendments to the Claims, and consider the accompanying remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS ARE SET FORTH BEGINNING ON
PAGE 2 OF THIS AMENDMENT C.

REMARKS ARE SET FORTH BEGINNING ON PAGE 3 OF THIS
AMENDMENT C.

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PATENT APPLICATION

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment – "Amendment C" (Response to Advisory Action 4-2-2004) () Petition to extend time to respond
() New fee as calculated below () Supplemental Declaration
() No additional fee (Address enveloped to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")
(X) Other: **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION and \$440.00 (\$385.00 + 1-mo ext fee of \$55.00)**

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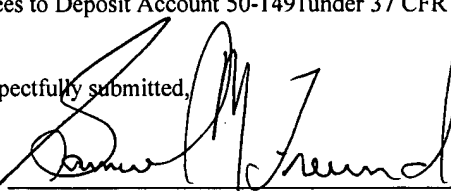
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